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Using A Tripod

Tripod Parts: legs, feet, arm, camera plate and head

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- Extend legs evenly to maintain balance (use bubble leveler).
- Make sure the feet are flat or pointed on ground as needed.
- Spread out tripod legs and point one leg at subject to avoid a tripping hazard.
- Tighten knobs to make sure everything is snug, but not too snug.
- Always set the height and level of the tripod before attaching the camera.
- Use quick release to free the camera base plate and connect to the camera. Be sure it is secure but do not strip screw thread.
- Carefully slide camera onto tripod using the quick release. Do not let go of the camera until you are certain it is secure.
- Do not lift the camera when it is attached to the tripod, but use the arm or handle.
- Raise the pedestal by using the hand crank to get the proper height level
- Practice camera moves: pan and tilt.
- Set landscape and portrait positions.
- Always protect the camera.
- When done, remove the camera first, then break down the tripod.
- Always return the camera base plate when disassembling.